

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An automatic software license facility operates as an intermediary between software buyers and vendors. It allows software buyers, via predefined rules associated with the software, to easily, instantly and securely purchase or obtain authorisation to use software licenses. For both buyers and vendors the automatic software license facility provides increased efficiency and convenience, a stronger strategic relationship, decreased administrative burden and costs of software asset management, better reporting and better payment facilities. In a preferred embodiment, a trusted third party operates the facility.

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